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*****A RED FLAG WARNING HAS BEEN POSTED IN SOUTHWEST OREGON FOR STRONG NORTH-NORTHEAST WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY*****



<u>Fire</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>IC</u>	<u>Area Commander/MAC</u>
1. Sheldon Ridge	OR – ORS	Keith 2	Central OR MAC
2. Cache Mtn.	OR-DEF	Lynch 3	Central OR MAC, Torrence MC
3. Florence	OR – SIF	Joki 2	SW OR AC, Ribar
4. Timbered Rock	OR – ORS	Thorpe 2	SW OR AC, Ribar
5. Skunk	OR – WNF	Gardner 2	SE OR AC, Mann
6. N. Umpqua Complex	OR – UPF	Jackson 2	SW OR AC, Ribar
7. Sour Biscuit	OR-SIF	Broyles 2	SW OR AC, Ribar
8. Malheur Complex	OR-MAF	Wood 2	NE OR, Rhodes AC, Grace MC
9. Tiller Complex	OR-UPF	Walker 2	SW OR AC, Ribar
10. Toolbox Complex	OR-FRF	Gelobter	SE OR AC, Mann
11. Winter Complex	OR-98S	Mair 2	SE OR AC, Mann
12. Deer Point	WA – WEF	Vail	
13. Monument	OR-MAF	Stutler 1	NE OR, Rhodes AC, Grace MC
14. 747	OR - OCF	Melton 1	NE OR, Rhodes AC, Grace MC
15. White River	OR-PRD	Noble 3	Central OR MAC, Torrence MC
16. Pickens	WA – DNR	Johnson 2	
17. Eyerly Complex	OR-WSA/DEF	Studebaker 1	Central OR MAC, Torrence MC



Special Resource Allocation Priorities:

1. IMTs need to be prepared to receive the resources that are inbound, e.g., be ready to support aerial retardant with ground resources; provide transportation and supervision for arriving crews.
2. A new position is being established in the MAC Planning function to provide MAC with analysis and a consistent process with which to make incident prioritization and critical resource allocation decisions.
3. NW MAC will submit a request to NMAC for 2 Type 1 teams (one for Florence and one for N. Umpqua).
4. NWMAC will stage Kearny's Type 2 team in Redmond and evaluate Monday whether to commit the team.



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Previous Decisions:

1. Additional National Guard aviation resources from Oklahoma are not needed at this time. Those assets have been advised to stand-down by the military liaison, but can be tasked in the future if necessary.
2. PNWCG agencies are working together on an interagency severity request.

3. Shortage of critical mid-level supervision:

Incidents throughout the NW are in critical need of line overhead. Outstanding orders remain unfilled and line resources have been removed from suppression actions because of lack of appropriate overhead. These critical resources include; Task Force Leaders, Strike Team Leaders, Division Supervisors, Helicopter Managers, Felling Bosses, and Dozer Bosses. The NW MAC is requesting that Area Commands, Incident Commanders, Sub-geographic MAC's, and Agency Administrators take the following actions:

- a) Review individual personnel fire qualifications to screen for these critical needs and reassign or make available individuals for these assignments to ensure the highest and best use of their qualifications.
- b) Identify individuals that have position task books initiated for critical positions and facilitate their training assignments. Agency Administrators are requested to seek methods to streamline processes to certify and approve individuals as "recommended for certification" in accordance with training and qualifications standards specified in the Wildland Fire Qualifications Guide (310-1) and with their respective agency guidelines and policies.

Pending Issues:

1. Some area command teams are approaching 14 days on assignment. NW MAC needs a sensing from ACAs and agency administrators to look at extension, transition, or rotation. Area commanders need to continue dialogue with local agency administrators and transmit plans with strategies and alternatives to NW MAC. MAC will provide a template that may be locally used to display this information.
2. Potential for smoke inversions in SW Oregon in regards to shutting down aviation operations, public health risks, etc.

Prioritization Criteria & Considerations:

1. Potential to destroy or harm human life
2. Potential to destroy
 - Communities
 - Community infrastructure (including: long term effects to economic sustainability and viability)
 - Historically significant cultural resources
 - Commercial businesses
 - Principal residence (year-round homes)
 - Non-principal residence (seasonal home, cabins, etc.)
 - Outbuildings (barns, unattached garages, utility buildings, etc.)
3. Potential to impact cultural and natural resource values
4. Probability of meeting incident objectives

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